Bundy plea fails; execution date set

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BUNDY: Rejected

Serial killer Ted Bundy will be executed Tuesday, Florida officials said following the Supreme Court's fourth and probably last rejection of his legal pleas.

"Justice has been on hold for a decade, and it's about time Ted Bundy paid for his crimes," said Florida Gov. Bob Martinez, who set the new execution date.

Bundy, 42, was sentenced for the 1978 murder of Kimberly Leach, 12, of Lake City, Fla. The court rejected his lawyer's argument that Bundy was mentally incompetent when he stood trial. He has been linked to 36 other slayings.

Also Tuesday, the court ended death row appeals for David Gardner of Texas; Charles Wright of Tennessee; Von C. Davis of Ohio; and Darnell Lucky, Fernando Belmontes, Malcolm Robbins and Manuel Babbitt, all of California.

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